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FILE: [REDACTED]  
MSC 02 249 65437

Office: HOUSTON

Date: OCT 01 2007

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: SELF-REPRESENTED

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the office that originally decided your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, Houston, Texas, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The district director denied the application because the applicant failed to establish that he had resided continuously in the United States in an unlawful status from before January 1, 1982 through May 4, 1988.

An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the Administrative Appeals Office. Any appeal with the required fee shall be filed with the Service Center within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of denial. The 30-day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the Notice of Decision is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b)(1). An appeal received after the thirty-day period has tolled will not be accepted. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p).

The director issued the notice of denial on March 21, 2005, and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. The appeal was initially received on May 4, 2005, but was rejected and returned to the applicant because the appeal form had not been fully completed. The appeal was not received with all portions of the appeal form fully completed until July 1, 2005, 102 days after the issuance of the denial decision. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.